

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [] continuation, [X] division of application Serial Number 09/393,745 filed September 10, 1999.

7. [x] New formal drawings are enclosed. 8 Sheets, Figs. 1-12 (SEE LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON)
8. [x] The prior application is assigned to The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.

9. [] Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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2a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

2b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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4. [x] Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

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Filed: September 14, 1998

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5. [x] Information Disclosure Statement [x] PTO-1449

6. [x] Letter to Official Draftsperson

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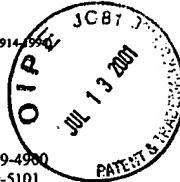
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This is a request for filing a

Continuation Divisional

Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/393,745
Filed on September 10, 1999

of (inventor(s)): Masakazu MURAKAMI et al

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION:

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Entitled: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BOX

- 1a. Enclosed is specification, claims and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.
- 1b. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application (which was filed in the Japanese language without a Declaration), along with a copy of the Accurate English translation which was filed on November 15, 2000 and which included new corrected Formal Drawings and a copy of the Oath or Declaration.
- 1c. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 1d. Paper entitled Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).
2. FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

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3. To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed.
5. Cancel claims 1-8 (SEE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT)



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Applicant(s): Masakazu MURAKAMI, ET AL

Serial No. : 09/393,745

Filed : September 10, 1999

For : ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BOX

Art Unit : 2833

Examiner : R. GUSHI

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST
FOR RCE MAILED JULY 6, 2001**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Patent Office NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINER (RCE) (Form PTO-2051) mailed July 6, 2001,
submitted herewith are the following:

1. Petition for a second one-month extension of time for responding
to the outstanding Office Action in parent application Serial No.
09/393,745 (extending the term to July 14, 2001); and
2. Request for filing Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b),
along with supporting documents.

It is respectfully submitted that the Divisional Application
filed herewith under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is proper and it is respectfully
requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed in the new
Divisional Application filed concurrently herewith.

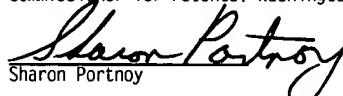
Respectfully submitted,


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SUBMISSION OF

1. SIGNED DECLARATION
2. ACCURATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Att: Application Branch

S I R :

Responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed September 27, 1999, the term for response to which expires on November 27, 1999, submitted herewith are the following:

1. Declaration executed by the inventors, referring to the application by Serial Number and filing date.
2. Accurate English Translation of the above-identified application, referring to the application by Serial Number and filing date, including the formal drawings as originally filed.

A check for \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the Patent Office fee for submission of the signed Declaration.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date noted below.

Attorney: Leonard Holtz

Dated: November 11, 1999

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 06-1378.

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The fee of \$130.00 for filing a "Non-English Specification" was previously submitted with the filing of the application, along with the requisite filing fee. However, authorization is given to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Account No. 06-1378.

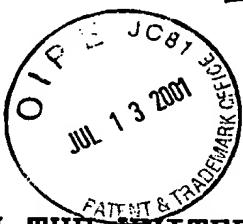
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**DECLARATION OF ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION
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The undersigned translator, having an office at:
SKK Bldg. 5th Floor, 8-1, Shinbashi 5-chome, Minato-ku,
Tokyo, Japan, certifies and declares that:

1. I am fully conversant both with the Japanese and English languages.
2. I have translated into English the Japanese language version of:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/393,745
Filed: September 10, 1999

the English translation of said Japanese language U.S. Patent Application is attached hereto.

3. The translation is, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, and accurate translation from the Japanese into English language.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the matter with which this translation is used.

Date: November 1, 1999

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